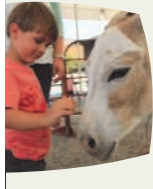




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Community *notes*

Memorial Day Observances

Howard County Government offices, courts, animal shelter, 50+ centers and landfill will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29. There will be no trash, recycling, yard trim or food scrap pick-up on Memorial Day. The County's [holiday "slide" schedule](#) will be in effect.



County parks and the Roger Carter Community Center will be open; however, the Cedar Lane and Schooley Mill Activity Rooms, the Gary J. Arthur and North Laurel Community Centers, Kiwanis-Wallas Hall, Meadowbrook Athletic Center, Robinson Nature Center and county historic sites will be closed. The Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) will operate on a "Sunday" schedule. For more information on RTA, call 1-800-270-9553 or visit www.transitrt.com.

The 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1; for non-emergencies, please call 410-313-2200. All parking regulations and fees will be in effect. County offices will re-open at regular business hours on Tuesday, May 30. Read the full notice [online](#).

Run Like A Girl

Girls on the Run will host its Spring 5K on Saturday, June 3. Entrants are sought and volunteers are needed to help runners complete onsite check-in and along the course. All the details are available on the [GOTR website](#).

Greetings

Twenty-five years ago I participated in the first Wine in the Woods as an artist. It has grown from its beginnings to a premier event for Columbia. A big thank you goes to all the people in Recreation & Parks who have worked so hard to ensure another successful year!

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Financial Job Recruitment

Meet with some of the area's prominent financial service providers seeking to recruit entry-level through senior-level professionals like you. Howard County Office of Workforce Development welcomes the community on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Columbia Workforce Center (7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, Columbia 21046). Companies are seeking tellers, actuaries, brokers, accountants, fiscal clerks and more. Dress professionally and bring copies of your resume. Please register via [Eventbrite](#) to attend.

Learn to Teach Coding

Are you an educator interested in learning how to use Scratch? Do you have questions about how it can fit into your curriculum? Join HowGirlsCode for a day of Scratch Programming training! This beginner session is offered to all educators from all levels, and is open to the first 20 participants.

When: Sunday, May 21, 2017, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Where: Howard County Community College, Duncan Hall, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Maryland

Cost: \$10, includes a t-shirt

To register, visit the How Girls Code [website](#).

Mind, Body & Coding Summer Camp

Girls will challenge their minds through coding and robotics and will nurture their bodies and well-being through yoga, meditation, and self-empowerment exercises while focusing on the arts and creative dance expression for a one week camp program (Week 1: July 10 & Week 2: July 17).

Camp curriculum repeats each week; please register for one week only.



Each day, girls will enjoy programming classes, hands-on robotics sessions incorporating the arts, yoga instruction, engaging guest speakers, and tours of the UMBC campus. Girls entering grades 3 and 4 will learn to code animations and art using Tynker programming and will choreograph original dance routines with LEGO WeDo® robots. Girls entering grades 5 and 6 will use Scratch programming to create animations and art projects and Lego *Mindstorms*® EV3 robots to choreograph dance routines. Girls entering grades 7-9 will learn Java programming along with building and programming Lego *Mindstorms*® EV3 robotics.

The cost is \$350 per student; need-based scholarships are available. Registration link is available on the [HowGirlsCode website](#).

Help Discover the Artist in Your Kids

Howard County Arts Council offers summer camps for the creative and imaginative child entering grades K–7. Camps are offered in one-week, full- or half-day sessions from June 26 to August 18. All camps take place at the Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City.

Campers enjoy a unique and fun-filled summer experience taught by professional artists and teachers. Each Friday, family and friends are invited to a fun exhibition spotlighting the work created throughout the week. Morning sessions run from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Afternoon sessions run from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Two half-day camps (morning and afternoon) can be combined for a full day. For students enrolled in a full day of camp, there is a supervised lunch period from 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Students bring their own lunch. The Arts Council maintains a peanut- and tree nut-free campus during summer camp. Before-care (8:00 – 9:00 a.m.) and aftercare (3:30 – 6:00 p.m.) are also available (these options are added during check-out). Click [here](#) to view the camp options and to register online.

Online registration for each session is disabled at 10:00 a.m. on the Friday before the session begins (except Session 3, which will be disabled Thursday, July 2). If you would like to register after this time, you can call 410-313-2787 to register over the phone. All registrations after 10:00 a.m. the Friday before each session are subject to a \$20 late registration fee.

Columbia Association's Programs for Kids

CA will host KidsDay 2017 on Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Columbia SportsPark (5453 Harper's Farm Road, Columbia). Enjoy a free, fun-filled afternoon for the whole family. Activities are free for kids 12 and younger; 50% off of mini golf and all-you-can-bat sessions for aged 13 and older; mini-golf, batting cages, moon bounce, Zumba, arts & crafts, a variety of games and structured activities, photo booth, face painting, animal balloons, dance music and raffles will be offered. Attendees can learn more about CA's youth programs, classes, camps and special offers. Food, beverages, snacks and ice cream will be available for purchase.

Looking for a summer camp for your kids? CA still has openings for its camps. Their offerings include exploring nature, improving skills in a variety of sports, expanding talent in art, creating experiments in science and making a difference in the community. Visit [CA's camp webpage](#) for all the details and to register.

Summer Programs and More

Howard County Recreation and Parks offers a wide array of programs, camps and activities for the entire family. Learn sports, crafts, cooking, dance, music, theatre, fitness, wellness, aquatics, and much more. [HoCo Registration's website](#) allows you to view all the activities, events, etc. that are of interest and register as well. Hope that you find something that you and your family will enjoy.

Get STEMulated!

Join more than 1,500 students and parents at the 5th annual



STEM Festival on Sunday, June 4, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. This year's event takes place at HCC's new Science, Engineering & Technology Building and features presentations by FIRST Robotics, Space Telescope Institute, HCPSS ARL, IEEE, HCC,

American Institute of Architecture, Robinson Nature Center, Maryland Science Center, Urban Video Game Academy, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Peabody Institute, Future City, Under Armour and more. The first 500 students will receive a free bag.

This event features: build and keep electrical circuit, create Foam Gnomes, build a Kaleidoscope, view the sun with special telescope, construct a gravity powered racing device, laser demonstration, robots demo large and small built by students, design, build and launch rockets with a simulator, learn about the HCPSS ARL high school programs including engineering program & Project Lead the Way, CyberSecurity, and Animation and Interactive Media, learn how to develop software and apps, learn about cybersecurity, architecture, spiders and their relatives, and more. Attendees can earn about STEM careers from professionals in various fields.

Visit [StemulatingMinds website](#) for more details.

HoCo Parenting Classes

Keeping Kids Safe

Discuss safety-proofing your home for different ages; who to contact in an emergency, car seat safety, and tips on how to protect your child from abuse. Learn ways to cope with your own stress and how to teach children relaxation techniques and stress relief.

When: Wednesday, May 31; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Ellicott City 50+ Fitness Center, 9411 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Cost: \$8 per person

Who Should Attend: Any parent, grandparent or caregiver who wants to improve their parenting skills and learn hands on ideas for raising a healthy, happy child ages birth to 8 years.

[Register Online for Keeping Kids Safe](#)

Discipline and Communication Part 1 & 2 (double session)

Part 1: Set the stage for better behavior. Become familiar with temperament types and learn how to use this information to individualize your interactions with your child. Learn how to proactively prevent misbehavior by preparing your home and routine to encourage success. Discuss ways to effectively communicate with your child and the importance of structure, consistency and self-esteem to help build a growth mind set.

Part 2: Learn how to teach children self-control and problem-solving techniques that they can use in the moment of behavior problems. Establish rules and logical consequences for misbehavior that are developmentally appropriate. Discuss behavior charts and a variety of other options to encourage behaviors that you want to see. Leave with practical strategies and tools to implement immediately.

When: Wednesdays, June 7 & 14; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Ellicott City 50+ Fitness Center, 9411 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Cost: \$16 per person

Who Should Attend: Any parent, grandparent or caregiver who wants to improve their parenting skills and learn hands on ideas for raising a healthy, happy child ages birth to 8 years.

[Register Online for Discipline and Communication](#)

Register by Phone (voice/relay): 410-313-1940

Maryland Zoo Events

Stroller Safari

Thursday, May 25, 11:00 -11:45 a.m.

Children 18 to 36 months are invited with an accompanying adult to stroll along a Zoo adventure with story time and animal-themed activities. Registration is \$5 per child (not including the Zoo admission fee). Preregistration is encouraged; click [here](#).

Brew at the Zoo

Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Waterfowl Lake

Experience live musical performances, sample from more than 80 brew varieties and shop for unique items with artisans all while relishing a day at The Maryland Zoo. Tickets are \$25-\$75 pp. Purchase tickets [online](#).

Upcoming Events

Wine in the Woods

Saturday, May 20 and Sunday May 21

Symphony Woods

Enjoy the 25th year of tastings from 30 wineries, live music and entertainment, while shopping for artisan crafts and hand made art. For tickets, info and more, visit the [WITW website](#).

Dog Day Afternoon

Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Columbia Dog Park (5901 Rivendell Lane)

CA will host canines and their humans for a day of activities and lots of fun. Plan to bring new items (e.g., food, toys, leashes, blankets, towels, collars) to donate to an animal related non-profit. Visit [CA's event webpage](#) for the full schedule and all the details.

Get Closer to Nature

Robinson Nature Center invites the community to two upcoming events:

Sauntering Down Bluebird Trail

When: May 20, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Event Details & Price: https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/Activity_Search/62908

Ladies Night Out: Sunset Hike & Campfire

When: May 26, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Event Details & Price: https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/Activity_Search/62913

Recycle Old Room A/C or Dehumidifier & Get a \$25 Reward

Saturday, May 20, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Columbia SportsPark, 5453 Harper's Farm Road, Columbia

Drop off up to two working room air conditioning units and/or dehumidifiers and receive a \$25 reward per appliance (in a check 4-6 weeks after the event). CA is also handing out free mini-golf coupons and LED light bulbs. Rain or shine.

[Howard County Farmers' Markets are now open!](#)



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